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In re Application of : AIR FEED DEVICE, SIGNAL  
KAN ACQUISITION DEVICE AND  
IMAGING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

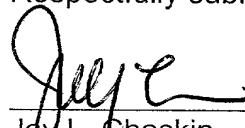
Page 1, before the first line of the text insert: -- This is a continuation application  
of International Application No. PCT/US01/03311 filed February 1, 2001. --

REMARKS

The Transmittal Letter PTO-1390 accompanying the entry into the US  
national stage request that the filing be considered in accordance with 35 USC  
371. The application is amended to recite the continuation status of the  
application and thereby the date accorded to the application for 35 USC 102(e) is  
the International Filing Date.

A certified copy of the priority Japanese patent application No. 2000-  
027652 filed February 4, 2000 is enclosed or will be submitted promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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